PH-JFK/NO-2/24/79 O.L.t. Memo

3/1/79

Dear Paul,

I read your 2/24/79 memo while walking, with a felt pen to mark with. I'd appreciate an unmarked copy, so my notes won't influence later judgements, to go with the enclosed carbon which will tell me where to file it when you return it.

I'm going to have to give you a quick short course on FBI files and recommend that you get their stuff of which I've alread written, Records Management and the Federal Register, citation unknown to me. But much I've picked up from experience.

Also, because I don't want the involvement of some of those with whom you deal and about whom you feel other than I do to know some of these things, the easiest is to tell you that all except what I'll say about Core is between you and me for now.

I was sure I'd told you about my long interviews with Core. Wish I could lay my hands on the tapes!

By the way, a more mature woman student, with a 50year old kid, told me earlier today that she may know a local graduate student who might be interested in part-time work for me. If this happens when I get something like this from you I'll be able to respond much better.

What these things say and suggest is entirely but only partially in accord with what Jesse told me. Nothing that I can say disputes it. But not nearly as much as he told me.

First the files:

There is the "main" file, which is 97-74. They have varying Subs and Sub-Subs, not used or identified with consistency at all field offices. They have letter subs, letter and number subs, ~~and~~ number and letter Subs, and number-letter-number subs. Incredible.

Now about the Serials. I know of no exception to the rule that the last number, relating to a record rather than the Sub, is the serial. Thus what you got fobbed off over is that the stuff is in Sub 1-A where it is Serials 4 and 5. (Of course I have no objection to others knowing this.

Supposedly I have all the N.O. records, main and subs, of this file, in a N.O. file except where already processed in FBIHQ files, where sonemay well be and be thoroughly lost in that vast mass.

I'll try to remember to check the 1-A sub after I get over the copies I've made. But I don't recall some of what you included. Again, I get back to I should have copies of all.

I'm not quite up to snuff so indulge my not taking time for diplomacy. raf 3, where do you get the garbage ~~thatttt~~ "about Oswald's connection eith the Banister operation?" No insult, only pointedness, that ain t even garbage, which can be put to good use by composting. I suspect I know so I'll go on.

Next graf, about the strangeness of the FBI's not checking 544 out. First they didn't have to, they knew and they knew what they had to cover. Besides, do you think that without this they(d not have known what was around the corner from the garage they supposedly used? Or had no thoughts after 11/22/63?

Next graf, after space: anything more than suspicion of SA present?

You also should put this in the context of how uptight the FBI was over the innocent SS checking of Jones Printing, also a little more than a block away, less from Reily's. They immediately high-levelled the SS out and never sent the 544 literature to the Commission.

Under August 16, with explanations applicable elsewhere: it is deBrueys who always covered the ITM and one of his best sources was Core. His "contractual relationship" was as it public relations director and he then had his own p.r. offices there. When he was told of theOswald picketing he went ape, fearing bad p.r. The first handbill he gave was crumpled, for he'd crumpled it in anger and then went out and retrieved it. He didn't at all watch for 20-25 minutes. It may have been that long before he got there from the time it began. He argued with Oswald to scram, etc. He also told me of two men, thus my "third man" file that you appear not to recall and my Johann Rush interest you should recall.

As I recall what he told me it took what he regarded as a long time for deB to get there but maybe this was after 11/22. Without the tape don't rrust my memory.

He told me that rather than making a general call to the FBI he called deB on the basis of their (I think perfectly proper and necessary) relationship.

Wall became a supervisor, by the way, and if you find my O in NO appendix you'll find that it is he who covered the 544 address re Banister.

I don't remember the report in which Core said there were two with LHO. He did not have Ehara in mind. He knew Ehara. I've forgotten the description he gave me. I'd appreciate a copy.

igression: I've been interrupted and this comes to mind. I may bewrong but I get a feeling that the thinking of others has intruded upon and influenced what I think I recall of your original approach on this. If I am correct what I recall from a dimming past appears to be more likely not to lead you into cul de xxxxx sacs.

Hernandez, night student at Loyola: there were those leaflets in that part of town so while this may have originated at the ITM or from along Canal it also could have come from the collegiate part of uptown, which would be downtown in any other city, the south.

P. 2, deB's report re Gore. Again, I do not recall the report but I recall that Jesse seemed to be a but out out that it took deB so long to get to him. Jesse is a courtly southern conservative gentleman, even if I did drink him under the table. And a good friend of Shaw. Remained that, too. So he knew the name Lamont. And disapproved.

To this point you'venot referred to what has to exist: a report of Core's account of the WDSU Oswald footage, which he reviewed immediately with Ed Planer. It was not the entire original returned by the FBI, both told me.

Bottom page 3: do you have a list of the three withheld items, by Serial?

You have not yet referred to the LHO NO file, 100-~~10000~~ 16601. Duplicate filings, dontt forget, and this stuff would belong there.

Personal comment: the P.S. is entirely unworthy. Either way you have a loser, aside from the possibility of your own belief. Forget the other two (im)possibilities.

Your Item 1034 seems to represent to me the folder in which the 6 listed Serials were kept, copies by reducing xerox?

Your 1035 can indicate that LHO took his stamp apart for some purpose and on reassembling it left the St off.

Suggestiosn to keep in mind: LHO was much more active than any of the info I've seen indicates. I did my own checking and am without any doubt. Almost always his picketing was centered around that part of Canal St area.

Remember Brian Ampolsk? He went to the funny farm for some years after LHO.

I just remembered the right stack. I have that file. There are three of the 1A subs and in this particular one Serials 2 and 3 are not listed on the worksheets. The claim for the envelope is privacy, 7C. The processing was identical for both of us, meaning the idnetical copies where I checked, but some of mine are clearer, your envelope is. It is a stack I pan to get to next and have moved it into this small xxxxxx office for that purpose.

If I am not interrupted I'll select out the copies I have for you from what I've gone over before I review the copies. Its been so long I've forgotten whats in them. If I missed any I'll get them on review. Hastily,